

UPDATE: Potential Tariffs on Imported Fertilizers

Hi [NAME],

Thank you for standing up for American farmers, and signing the Stand with U.S. Farmers petition expressing concern about tariffs on phosphate fertilizers. We wanted to share important updates on the issue and let you know how you can continue to be heard.

On February 9, 2021, the Department of Commerce officially recommended tariffs of <u>nearly 20%</u> on phosphate imports from Morocco. These tariffs would:

- Reduce competition, choice, and supply of phosphate fertilizer for American farmers.
- Limit farmer choice to only a few suppliers in the U.S. which would severely restrict the reliable and timely supply of critical inputs that U.S. farmers need to remain globally competitive.
- Continue the supply shocks that were already created when the threat of tariffs temporarily chased foreign importers out of the U.S. market.

On February 17, a coalition of leading U.S. ag associations including the American Soybean Association, the National Corn Growers Association, and the National Cotton Council of America <u>wrote to the U.S.</u>
International Trade Commission (USITC), stating:

"Since preliminary duties [tariffs] were imposed ... adequate supply of phosphates to meet domestic needs have become a concern" and farmers "could face difficulties obtaining adequate phosphate supplies."

But the fight isn't over yet. The USITC is expected to decide whether to levy or reject the potential tariffs by **mid-March**.

Would you like to take action? If so, the time to act is now. You can share your views on the tariffs and how they affect you by <u>submitting a comment</u> or sending a letter to the USITC at:

U.S. International Trade Commission 500 E Street Southwest Washington, DC 20436

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